

MANAGEMENT MEMO

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BACKGROUND

Retread truck tires are a proven technology, which have been successfully used throughout the trucking and transportation industry for many years and millions of miles. From large construction equipment to school buses using retread tires have significantly reduced the adverse affects of tire disposal in our landfills and saved valuable natural resources. For example, retreading one medium size truck tire saves approximately 15 gallons of crude oil.

Retread tires are available either by capping (retread) an existing tire casing or purchased as retreads which includes both the cap (tread) and casing. A tire can be safely retreaded numerous times. Properly maintained, retread tire performance is equal or superior to a brand new tire. Proper maintenance for tires (new or retread) includes not only ensuring the proper inflation pressures, but using the correct size, design and load caring capacity for the vehicle or equipment.

THE DGS DIRECTIVE ON RETREADING OF TIRES AND PURCHASE OF CAP AND CASING

The Department of General Services (DGS) directs all agencies to retread all non-steering truck tires for tires greater than 19 inches in size or for trucks and trailers of 20,000 pound GVWR or greater. If the casing is not in good condition to retread, a cap and casing shall be purchased in lieu of a new tire. All agencies shall remove any policy or directive that may prevent the use of retreaded truck tires on non-steering axles.

It is recommended that the retreader have a Cooperative Plant Quality Certification (CPQC) or comparable Quality Assurance Program. The Tire Retreader Information Bureau provides a listing of CPQC certified retreaders in your area in their Retread Tire Buyers Guide, which can be accessed via the Internet at www.retread.org.

Other retread tire information sources:

International Tire and Rubber Association, (502) 968-8900, www.itra.com

Tire Association of North America, (703) 736-8082, www.tana.com

Associated Consultants of Technical Services, (810) 677-5745, e-mail: swiftacts@aol.com

Tire Retread Information Bureau, (831) 372-1917, e-mail: retread@aol.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

The DGS, the Office of Fleet Administration and the Procurement Division are available to assist you with your retreading purchases. For further information concerning retreading, please contact Earl Howell, Office of Fleet Administration, at (916) 327-2083 or Patrick Bailey, Procurement Division, at (916) 323-7666.



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